

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Group Art Unit 1638

I, Leslie Lindsay Smith, hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the US Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

Well.

Date of Signature

the date of my signature

In re

Patent Application of

Vincent Lee C. Chiang, et al.

Application No. 09/530,663

Confirmation No.: 3250

Filed: July 11, 2000

Examiner: Stuart F. Baum

"GENETIC ENGINEERING OF LIGNIN

BIOSYNTHESIS IN PLANTS"

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.97(c)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner's attention is directed to the references which are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A and/or PTO/SB/08B and copies of which are attached. This Statement is also being accompanied by a check in payment of the \$180.00 fee required under 37 CFR \$1.17(p). Please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 13-3080 with any shortage or overpayment of the required fee.

Citation of these references is respectfully requested.

30600041 09530663

180,00 09

No concession is made that these documents are prior art, and Applicant expressly reserves the right to antedate the documents as may be appropriate. A copy of each reference listed is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara D. Vinarov Reg. No. 48,524

File No. 66040-9651-01

Michael Best & Friedrich LLP 100 East Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-4108

(414) 271-6560